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CAMEO APPEARANCE

Cameo, which means carved outward, can be carved from a variety of materials. The earliest examples were carved from agate, a microcrystalline form of quartz with either layered or solid colors. Today, cameos are most often carved from stone, coral or shell but may also be cut from lava, jet and ivory. When a hard stone, such as agate, or shell is carved, layers of different colors are exposed, which enables the carver to create a sense of depth and movement. Cameo carving reached a peak under the Emperor Augustus in the first century A.D. Classical cameos were highly prized during the Renaissance, when collectors valued them as examples of sculpture in miniature. Today, fine cameos are again being carved.

Cameos have a one-of-a-kind quality about them, which make them charming accessories. Whether you choose earrings, brooches, pendants or rings, a cameo will make a beautiful statement about your personal style. HAIG'S OF ROCHESTER FINE JEWELRY has carried cameo jewelry for over three decades. Stop in today to see our selection of antique cameos and choose your unique accessory - our cameos do not stay in the cases for long! We are located at 311 Main Street in downtown Rochester. Contact us at 248-652-3660 or at service@haigsofrochester.com so we can assist you in making a confident cameo purchase.

New Year's Eve is a traditional gift-giving celebration. From engagement rings to diamond stud earrings to antique pendants, HAIG'S OF ROCHESTER FINE JEWELRY has the perfect gift to ring in 2008! Happy New Year!

P.S. If the carving is recessed into the stone or shell, it is called an intaglio.

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